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1. THE MEA TELLS US THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA, WHO RETURNED EARLIER THIS WEEK FROM CONSULTATIONS IN MOSCOW, WILL ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE ON HIS VISIT TO TEHRAN, MAY 27. BOTH WILL THEN RETURN TO NEW DELHI. VAJPAYEE NOW PLANS TO HEAD FOR UN AND WASHINGTON EITHER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON JUNE 4, OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. (IF THE LATTER, WE PRESUME HE WILL CATCH UP IN LONDON.) AN MEA SPOKESMAN TOLD THE PRESS THAT VAJPAYEE'S POSTPONED APPEARANCE AT THE UN IS DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS FOR THE SSOD.

2. THE VAJPAYEE VISIT TO TEHRAN HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY. THE PRESS HAS SPECULATED THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL BE THE MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION AND HAS BEEN RECAPITULATING IRANIAN CONCERNS. MOST NOTE THAT GOI AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN, S.K. SINGH, IS IN DELHI ON CONSULTATIONS AND BRIEFED VAJPAYEE AND MEHTA MAY 25.
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THE PRESS SPECULATES THAT OTHER TOPICS OF CONVERSATION WILL INCLUDE THE SOVIET-CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA, RECENT INDO-PAKISTAN EXCHANGES, AND BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES
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